

## Thousands Pay Last Respects To the 'Man of Independence'

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (UPI) — President Richard Nixon, former President Lyndon B. Johnson and thousands of common people paid their final respects Wednesday to the "Man of Independence," Harry S. Truman.

Nixon laid a 3½-foot-high wreath of red, white and blue carnations at the foot of the former president's casket that lay in state in the main lobby of the Truman Library. Nixon and his wife then stood silently with heads bowed for a few moments.

Mourners lined the streets of Truman's hometown as the hearse bearing his body traveled in a solemn motorcade 15 blocks from the funeral home to the library an hour earlier. Many of the watchers openly shed tears.

The hearse carrying Truman's casket passed his century old 14-room Victorian mansion where a single shade was raised so his widow, Bess, 87, could see the procession. Their only child, Margaret, went to the library for the arrival of the casket.

President Nixon purposely delayed his visit to the library so he would not interfere with the family's visit. The President stayed only a few minutes.

He helped his wife, Pat, from their limousine and they walked up to the steps to the south portico of the cres-

cent shaped building. They stood silently at the foot of the casket for 20 seconds.

A military aide walked between the President and the casket and then, facing Nixon, left the wreath. Nixon stepped forward and placed the wreath at the end of the casket. He stepped back alongside Mrs. Nixon and the first family stood there with their eyes closed for another 15

seconds.

Nixon took his wife's right arm and they walked from the library back to the limousine that took them to the Truman home where they paid their personal and private respects to the family.

Johnson, the nation's only living ex-president and his wife, Lady Bird, also silently honored Truman. Johnson said upon Truman's death

that he shall miss him "in a most personal and private way."

The Johnsons remained inside the library less than a minute and also went to the Truman home. They were greeted at the front gate by Margaret Daniel and her husband, Clifton. Mrs. Johnson hugged and kissed Margaret. The others shook hands and all went

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## Government Offices Closed

Most federal, state and University offices will be closed today in observance of former President Harry S. Truman's funeral.

President Richard Nixon has ordered all federal offices closed today and has proclaimed the 30-day official mourning period customary for former presidents. U.S. flags around the world will fly at half-staff during the 30 days.

The Federal Building and the Post Office will be closed today. There will be no mail service except for special delivery, but the Post Office lobby will be open for box customers. Mail box pickups will be on the Sunday schedule.

Gov. Warren E. Hearnes has proclaimed today an official day of

mourning throughout the state. All state offices, including most University offices, will be closed with skeleton crews providing essential services.

Critical University services will operate. Among those remaining open are the Office of Public Information and the cashier's office because of today being the deadline for payment of pre-registration fees. The closing of other offices and departments will be at the discretion of department heads.

The University Medical Center will operate on a near normal schedule. The Center director's office said all patient services, including the out-patient clinic, will be open.

The University Office of Public In-

formation said grades, which were due today in the registrar's office will be due at noon Friday.

City Manager Don Allard said all city offices will be open today. Likewise, James Butcher, presiding judge of the County Court, said county offices will be open.

Butcher said the public hearing on Boone County's 1973 budget will be held as scheduled at 10 a.m. today in the main Circuit Courtroom of the County Courthouse. A proposal for the use of federal revenue-sharing funds will be presented at that time.

A spokesman for the State Highway Patrol said no driver's license examinations will be given in Boone County today.



Former President Lyndon B. Johnson pays his respects to Harry S. Truman's daughter, Mrs. Margaret Truman Daniel. (UPI Telephoto)

## President Nixon Gives Final Tribute to Truman

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (UPI) — President Nixon paid final tribute to Harry S. Truman with a wreath and a moment of meditation Wednesday, then invited the former president's family to be his guests at the memorial service next week when the nation bids Truman its last good-bye.

Accompanied by his wife, Pat, and a military aide, Nixon laid a wreath of red, white and blue carnations at the foot of Truman's casket as the former president lay in state at the Truman Library in Independence.

After standing a moment, eyes closed, at the bier of his one-time political enemy, Nixon walked down the long steps and into a black limousine for a short ride to the Truman home to express his sympathy to the family.

After a 15-minute visit, the Nixons returned to the presidential plane, The Spirit of 76, for the flight back to Washington.

Gerald L. Warren, deputy White House press secretary, said the President invited Mrs. Truman, her daughter and son-in-law and their four young sons to stay at Blair House for the memorial service for Truman scheduled at Washington's National Cathedral Jan. 5.

Nixon told them he wanted Truman's grandchildren to see where the Trumans lived for 3½ years. The Trumans stayed at Blair House—the official presidential guest house across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House—while the White House was being refurbished during his presidency. It was not known whether the invitation would be accepted.

Warren said Nixon told Mrs. Truman she looked well after her long ordeal and said she demonstrated the "courage and grittiness" that characterized her husband. She told Nixon she had been unable to be there when he laid

his wreath, but had watched it on television.

According to Warren, the Nixons and Trumans reminisced about Nixon's last visit to Independence more than three years ago. The President told Mrs. Truman he had been impressed then with her husband's "precise, short comments about domestic and foreign issues. This was his trademark. He always had the ability to go to the heart of a question quickly."

## Lester Pearson, Ex-Canadian Leader, Dies

OTTAWA (AP) — Former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, winner of the 1957 Nobel Peace Prize and president of the U.N. General Assembly in 1953, died at his home in Ottawa Wednesday night. He was 75.

Pearson had been suffering from cancer since 1970, when one eye was removed. Doctors said the cancer had spread to his liver.

He had gone to Florida shortly before Christmas, but his condition deteriorated rapidly and he was flown home on Christmas Eve.

Pearson's wife, Maryon; their daughter, Mrs. Walter Hannah of Toronto, and their son, Geoff, a member of the faculty of the University of British Columbia were with him when he died.

The office of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Pearson's successor as prime minister and leader of the Liberal party, announced that a state funeral would be held.

## Patrol Headquarters Relocation Delayed

Boone County Circuit Court Judge Frank Conley Wednesday issued a temporary restraining order to prevent any contract from being signed for the relocation of the State Highway Patrol's Troop E headquarters from Poplar Bluff to Sikeston.

The order prevented John D. Paulus, outgoing director of planning and construction, and Col. E. I. "Mike" Hockaday, Patrol superintendent, from entering into any contract pending a further order from the court.

Conley said he needed more time to study the legal questions involved and ordered the plaintiffs to post \$17,500 bond. The plaintiffs are Mayor Bernard Wheelley and seven other citizens of Poplar Bluff, where Troop E headquarters have been located for 35 years.

DESPITE THE RESTRAINING ORDER, bids for

construction of the new headquarters will be opened on schedule today, Paulus said.

In a hearing that lasted about five hours Tuesday, Conley heard arguments on whether Hockaday had the authority to order the headquarters relocated and whether Gov. Warren E. Hearnes had a right to veto Poplar Bluff as the designated headquarters site in an appropriation of \$693,000 for the new building.

Hearnes used a line item veto on the Poplar Bluff designation saying it was an attempt to legislate in an appropriations bill, which is unconstitutional. The governor also vetoed a similar Willow Springs designation for a troop headquarters in another appropriations bill.

Hockaday testified in Cole County Circuit Court that Hearnes never said to put the new highway

patrol Troop E headquarters at Sikeston. Hockaday, however, did say that he gathered that Hearnes favored the Sikeston site over the present site at Poplar Bluff.

GOV.-ELECT CHRISTOPHER "KIT" Bond wrote Paulus on Dec. 20, making a formal request to delay any action on bids for the construction of the new headquarters.

Bond asked Paulus, who has resigned effective at the first of the year, to let the matter stand until the new patrol superintendent takes office next year. Bond already has designated Maj. Sam Smith to become the new patrol superintendent.

Hockaday said the site at Sikeston and a site four miles north of Poplar Bluff were comparable, but that a major factor was the easy access to Interstate 55 and U.S. 60 offered by the Sikeston site.

## Order Given: Shoot Quake Looters

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (UPI) — Residents of the earthquake-ravaged Nicaraguan capital of Managua were warned by their top military leader Wednesday they would be shot if caught looting. There was at least one report of a man killed by troops as he pilfered articles from a vacated home.

Almost in the same breath, Gen. Anastasio Somoza, who assumed control of martial law operations following the Saturday quake, assured the remaining 110,000 residents they would be given food.

In an emotional appeal on the nation's emergency radio setup, Somoza, who was president of the country until a triumvirate took over in May but who still remains number one in control, pleaded with the earthquake victims to stop the looting and turn to the task of burying the dead. Thousands of persons—the estimates have ranged from 3,000 to 6,000—were killed when the quakes hit early Saturday morning.

The U.S. Army's 518th Engineering Battalion from the Canal Zone moved in Wednesday to help clear away the mountains of debris. In it, there was the increasingly foul smell of decomposing

flesh. When a body was found, Red Cross workers doused it with gasoline and set it afire to stop the spread of disease.

The cleanup operations were being concentrated in the one square mile of the city center destroyed by the series of tremors. The whole downtown area is to be leveled because, according to officials, not a single structure in the downtown downtown area was left undamaged in the earthquake.

In his broadcast, Somoza said, "Managua doesn't have any more goods to sack or doors to break down. Now let us try to bury our dead."

He added, "Beginning today, I have given orders to the national guard to patrol the city and halt pillaging. They have orders to shoot if necessary."

Sources reported at least one man was shot and killed by troops when he was discovered looting a home after Somoza's order was given. Four others were shot and wounded Monday, but until Wednesday, there was no direct order from Somoza to shoot to kill.

People were being searched and forced to show proof of ownership of their possessions when confronted by troops.

As the plea was issued, thousands of

quake refugees lined up at 19 Red Cross distribution stations on the peripheries of the demolished city to be given rations of rice, red beans, milk and sugar.

Those in line carried everything from gunnysacks to rusty old buckets as they waited their turn for food and liquid.

Ricardo Bermudez, Latin American Red Cross representative, issued an urgent appeal to Red Cross headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland for additional staples for a half-million people for three months. A message to Red Cross headquarters read in part:

"Need immediately 2,000 tons of rice, 2,000 tons of red beans, 1,000 tons of corn, 1,500 tons of sugar, 500 tons of powdered or condensed milk, 500 tons of vegetable oil, 250 tons of salt."

Fires continued to rage out of control in several areas of the devastated city. One blaze swept through the 18-floor Banco de America, one of the two tallest buildings to survive the earthquake.

Authorities said the fire broke out on one of the top floors, apparently from rubble smoldering since the weekend when flames raced through most of the downtown section. There was no water left in the city to help fight the fires.



Survivors of Saturday's earthquake in Managua, Nicaragua, carry belongings out of the ravaged center city area. Current death toll estimates for the disaster range from 3,000 to 6,000. (UPI Telephoto)

## Many Gifts Await First Baby of 1973

A baby is always special and the first baby born in 1973 will be treated like royalty. For the 44th year The Missouriian will sponsor a First Baby Contest, in which the first baby born in 1973 in Boone County to Boone County residents will receive gifts from many local merchants.

Twice in the past 43 years top billing has been shared when twins were the first born. This happened in 1934 and 1942. Both sets were boys. The earliest birth for a year came at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1, 1941. The latest first baby arrived at 4:20 p.m. on Jan. 4, 1938.

This year's first arrival in Boone County was Laura Ehler, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Ehler, now of Manhattan, Kan. Laura arrived at 12:35 p.m. on Jan. 2.

To be eligible for the contest, parents should have the doctor report to The Missouriian the exact time of birth, place of birth, weight, sex, name of baby, and names and address of the parents.

## Happy Birthday

Harry Ballew, Shirley Dailey, Virginia Hill, Floyd Kemper, Frank C. Miller, Mrs. Woodrow Wright, Joy Zumwalt.

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